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TO AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH

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1. SOVIET REPRESENTATION AT FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION
WAS COMPARABLE WITH LAST YEAR'S, WITH ABOUT 300 OF 900
SOVIETS INVITED ACTUALLY ATTENDING. (600 MEMBERS OF
AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS ALSO ATTENDED
RECEPTION.)

2. HIGH-LEVEL SOVIET REPRESENTATION WAS REASONABLY
SPARSE, REPEATING LAST YEAR'S PATTERN. LEADING SOVIET
ATTENDEE THIS YEAR WAS A. F. VATCHENKO, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
OF SUPREME SOVIET PRESIDUM AND CHAIRMAN OF UKRAINIAN
SUPREVE SOVIET PRESIDUM, WHOM AMBASSADOR HAD PRE-
VIOUSLY MET DURING CALLS IN UKRAINE LAST JULY. OTHER
HIGH-LEVEL SOVIETS ATTENDING RECEPTION WERE:
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I. T. NOVIKOV, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF
STATE COMMITTEE FOR CONSTRUCTION; V. K. MESYATS,
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE; L. A. KOSTANDOV, MINISTER
OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY; Y. Y. ALEKSEEVSKIY, MINISTER OF
LAND RECLAMATION AND WATER RESOURCES; Y. A. IZRAEL',
CHAIRMAN OF NEWLY-CREATED STATE CDMMITTEE FOR
METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES AND PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT;

M. P. GEORGADZE, SECRETARY OF SUPREME SOVIET PRESIDUM,
AND FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO.

3. MILITARY REPRESENTATION WAS EXTREMELY POOR, WITH
NONE OF THOSE ORIGINALLY INVITED SHOWING UP. MAJ.
GEN. N. A. VISHINSKIY AND COL. GEN. A. N. MEDVEDEV DID
SHOW, BUT THEIR NAMES WERE ONLY ADDED TO GUEST LIST AT
LAST MINUTE ON UVS' SUGGESTION.

4. LOWER-LEVEL SOVIET ATTENDANCE WAS SOMEWHAT BETTER.
SCIENCE SECTION ONTED SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER TURNOUT
AMONG ITS CONTACTS THAN LAST YEAR, WITH PETROV OF
INTERKOSMOS AND IZRAEL' AS PROMINENT ATTENDEES.
PRESS AND CULTURE SECTION ALSO NOTED VERY GOOD TURNOUT
AMONG ITS CONTACTS.

5. KIEV ADVANCE PARTY REPORTS THAT SOVIET ATTENDANCE
AT ITS RECEPTION WAS WORSE THAN LAST YEAR WITH ONLY
80 PRESENT OF 260 INVITED. HOWEVER, FOUR
MINISTERS CAME (HEALTH, CULTURE, MEAT AND DAIRY,
FOREIGN AFFAIRS) AS OPPOSED TO NONE LAST YEAR. ALSO,
ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER V. A. KRAVETZ ELECTED TO
RESPOND TO KAP CHIEF'S TOAST, IN CONTRAST WITH UKMFA
REPRESENTATIVE'S BEHAVIOR LAST YEAR.

6. CONGEN LENINGRAD IS REPORTING ON ITS RECEPTION
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BY SEPTTEL.

7. AMBASSADOR'S JULY 4 SPEECH: DURING CONVERSATION
WITH POLCOUNS AT VENEZUELAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION,
PRC COUNSELOR TIEN TSENG-PEI SAID HE HAD WATCHED
AMBASSADOR GIVE JULY 4 SPEECH ON SOVIET TV. TIEN
SAID IT WAS GOOD SPEECH, WELL-DELIVERED, AND
COMMENTED THAT HE WAS HAPPY TO SEE AMBASSADOR HAD
BEEN ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON SOVIET TV "IN VIEW OF
LAST YEAR'S DIFFICULTIES." TOON

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